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Title: ELECTROLYTIC GOLD PLATING METHOD AND APPARATUS
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 12-13 and 15-16 as follows:

A 12. [(Amended)] An electrolytic gold plating apparatus according to Claim 9 or 10, wherein said means for measuring said sulfurous acid in said complex or sulfuric acid is an automatic titrator or a liquid chromatograph.

13. [(Amended)] An electrolytic gold plating apparatus according to Claim 9 or 10, which comprises a monitoring unit for displaying a value measured by at least one of said means for measuring a light intensity, said means for measuring said pH, said means for measuring sulfurous acid and said means for measuring sulfuric acid.